A further and more true Account of the Apprehending and Taking, of

Gerard Dremelius the Drawer,

For the Murther of

Oliver Norris Esquire,

At the White-Cross Tavern in *East Smith field*, his Examination, and Confession, together with the Examination of *Michael Van Burgh*, and *Catherin Trust* before the Coroners Inquest, and their Commitment to Newgate on Saturday last: As also a further, and more particular Account of the said barbarous Murther.

GERARD DREMELIUS, the *Dutch Man* Drawer, who was chiefly concerned in the Murther of *Oliver Norris* Esq; at the *White-Cross Tavern in East Smithfield*, was Discover'd and Taken after this manner, *viz.* the Constables and other Officers of the Parish where the Murther was Committed, having Intelligence, that he carried a Hamper out very early the next Morning, and that he went towards St. *Catherins* with it, they by making Enquirey along the Water side, fortunately found out the Water Man that carried him up the River about 5 of the Clock, that Morning who inform'd them, that he carried his Hamper to Mr. *Taylors* at the *Crown* in *Charter House* by St. *James's Square*; where being come by the Watermans direction, they found that one of the Lord *Shoots* Foot-Men had fetched the said Hamper away, by the said Drawer's order, upon which sending to the Lord *Shoots* (who is Ambassador from the Duke of *Zell*) for the said Foot Man; he told them that the Drawer being his Country Man, and well known in his Lords Family, he had taken a Lodging for him at Mr. *Comins* at the *Lock and Bottle* in the same street, where he left him: But Mr. *Comins*, would not consent to entertain him, till he had further enquired of him at the Lord *Shoots* Houle in St. *James's Square*, where the Servants gave him a favourable Character: Whereupon going thither, they found him up two pare of Staires upon the Bed about 8 in the Evening, where he was Apprehended and taken, (and not at the *Crown* by St. *James's Square*, as was falsely given out) when being charged with the said Murther, he at first utterly deny'd it, alledging he did not understand them, but being taken thence that Night, and the next Day being *Saturday*, he was carried before the Worshipful Justice [illegible] where the Hamper being opened, they found in it the Body, at which time being Examin'd he Confess'd that he Murthered him, and being asked why, he alledged that the Gentleman drew his Sword against him, whereupon in his defence (as he says) he Knock'd him Down; and having got that advantage, it suddainly came in his mind to Murther him for his Money, which he immediately perform'd by dragging him to a Ditch side behind the old Building near his Masters House, where he cut his Throat with a sharp Knife of his own, and having Robb'd and Stripp'd him, he threw the naked Body into the Ditch, or Common Shore, which was deep of Water and Mud, laying a considerable quantity of Dirt and Rubbish on him, and having covered the Blood as well as he could, went to his Masters House, and asked his pretended Mistress for a Hamper, who seeing his Hands bloody, asked him how they came so, he answered, he believed he had kill'd the Gentleman; for she lent'd him the Hamper, and sent him going. This being his real Confession, and no other, Notwithstanding the flying Reports and Pamphlets, to the contrary, However the Maid being Examin'd, declared that, when she asked her at first about the Hamper, she said it was lent to a Sugar Baker, but before the Justice and Coroner, Confess'd the Drawer had it, and being found in several other contrary Lies, the Justice ordered them to be had before the Coroners Inquest, where the same matters was again repeated without any or very little Variation, whereupon Mr. George Rives Coroner, Committed Gerard Dremelius the Drawer, together with Van burgh and his pretended Wife to Newgate, where the two former are very much loaded with Irons, in order to be Try'd for the said Murther the next approaching Sessions, but the Maid is to be Discharged upon Bail.

On *Thursday* last being the 13th of *June* 1700. Mr. *Norris* a Cornet of Horse, belonging to the *Kings Guards*, having occasion to go to *Epping* upon some weighty Business, his Father enjoying a very great Estate in those parts, took Horse in order for his Journey that Morning but unfortunately (as it may so seem it) he met with some Gentlemen of his acquaintance, who [illegible] something longer than ordinary in taking their Leaves of him; he was so much disordered in Drink as rendered him uncapable of going his Journey, having Drank variety of Liquors in St. *Catherins*, that where leaving his friends, he secretly withdrew himself, and sent his Horse by a Porter to the *Bull-Head* in *White-Chappel*, and at the same time took Coach, and came about 10 a Clock that Night to the *White-Cross Tavern* in *East Smith-Field*, the Master of which, being one *Van Burgh* a *Dutch-Man*, where he continued till after 11 a Clock, being seen there by several of the Neighbours, [illegible]

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more heard of till next Morning about Seven, at which time was found by a ſtrong Water Man, in a *Mandlins Rents* very near the ſaid *Dutch* Houſe, ſtrip'd ſtark naked and Murthered in a cruel and inhuman manner, having his Throat cut from Ear to Ear, in ſuch a ſavage and abominable manner as ſcarcely ever was known or heard of, for not only his Wind-pipe and all his Throat was cut croſs, but the vejoints of his Neck Bones almoſt cut aſunder, with a cruel bruiſe on the left ſide of his Head; and not only ſo but all his Fingers on his right Hand cut overthwart, ſuppoſed to be done by his laying hold of the Knife, which prov'd the tragical inſtrument of his Death, he likewiſe was barbarouſly hack'd, and mangled on the left Hand and Arm, being Robb'd of all his Cloathes, and a conſiderable quanity of Gold and Silver, which his Friends has ſince affirm'd he had about him over Night, ſome ſays 100 Guineas beſides a rich Watch, and other things of great vallue; having nothing on him but, a pair of Boots, and ſcarlet Stockings, which tis ſuppoſed, his Murtherers could not get off with ſuch ſpeed as they deſired.

The newes of this barbarous Cruelty being noiſ'd about, abundance of People came crowding from all parts of *London* to ſee this Murthered Object, upon which it appearing by ſeveral that he was late the Night before at the *Dutch Mans* Houſe which was near that place; he and his Wife were taken into Cuſtody on ſuſpition and carried before the Worſhipful Juſtice *Conſtable* in *Goodman Fields*, where they were ſtrictly Examined, as was alſo his Maid, who all Confeſſ'd that the deceaſed Gentleman was drinking in his Houſe from 10 of the Clock that Night till after 11 and that *Van Burgh* offered his Man to conduct him to his Lodging, but he refuſing it they alledged that a ſtranger coming by accidentaly, the Gentleman agreed with him for 6 pence to go with him to his Lodging, and that they did not ſeem him any more till Dead the next Morning among the crowd of People; but the Juſtice asking where the Drawer was, his Wife reply'd, they had ſent him to fetch ſome Wine from a certaine place which ſhe named, whereupon a Meſſinger being ſent thither to know the truth, ſoon brought word that he had not been there, which made their Caſe the more Suſpitious, after which the Maid declared that ſhe ſaw the ſame Gentleman, about 10 of the Clock Drinking below ſtairs *wtih the Drawer at which time her Maſter and Miſtriſs cauſed her to go to Bed contrary to her uſual cuſtom, for other Nights ſhe us'd to ſit up lateſt in the Houſe, but that Night ſhe was forced to Bed in all the haſt, and further declared that while in her Chamber ſhe heard a ſtrange buſtling Noiſe below, inſamuch that ſhe was coming down to ſee what was the matter, but was met by her Miſtreſs, who told her all was well, and ſo ſhe went into her Chamber again and ſo to Bed, but knew nothing further, only ſaw her Miſtreſs fetch down the Hamper, in great haſt towards the Morning, when asking her afterwards what was becom'd of it, her anſwer was, ſhe had lent it to a Sugar-Baker, tho ſome hours after ſhe told her who had it, deſiring her not to ſpeak of it, alleding her Life was in her Hand; ſo that altho the Drawer doth yet ſeem to take Fact wholy upon himſelf, yet there is great cauſe to ſuſpect both her, and her pretended Husbands Innocency.*

Upon further ſearch of his Body after he was carried in a Coffin to the Conſtables Houſe, ſeveral wounds were found in divers parts of his Body, being uſed after ſuch a Loathſome and Inhuman manner, that the moſt Savage, Barbarous, and worſt of *Infidels* would be aſhamed of: Twas obſerved among other diſcourſe which the *Dutch* Man expreſs'd, during his being in the Conſtables Cuſtody tis ſaid he told them that it was their way in *Holland* when any Perſon was Murthered by a Confederacy, they always ſent the Murtherer out of the way, the very inſtant after he had committed it, while the other took care to hide the Murthered Body, and by that means they uſually eſcaped unpuniſhed, and if ſo this was one of his own Countrey Tricks, but tis thought he will meet with contrary ſucceſs here.

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